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Case No.  
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SEWEReporting Officer  
Sergeant B. AndersonPermID  
BCA9Investigating Agency  
A.S.T.Date Reported  
02/07/03Time Reported  
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12-201 (REV. 4/01)

ACT. #	Activity Code	UCR No.	Status / Regulation	Type of Activity	Date Occurred	Time Occurred
1	9551			Search and Rescue	2-8/ 2-9 03	

Location of Activity	Patrol Zone	Dom. Viol.	Alcohol or Drugs Involved
Resurrection Bay Seward	HDSA		N

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Location of Activity	Patrol Zone	Dom. Viol.	Alcohol or Drugs Involved

Pers No.	Role(s)	Name	Sex	Race	HL	Weight	Hair	Eyes	D.O.B. / Approx. Age
1	V	Kristin Marie Snyder							

Residence Address	Residence / Cell Phone	Driver's License No.	State

Place of Employment	Work Phone	Occupation

APSNID No.	Social Security No.	ATN / NCIC / Other ID No.	Charged With	Susp. Act. No.	Juv. Dispo.

Pers No.	Role(s)	Name	Sex	Race	HL	Weight	Hair	Eyes	D.O.B. / Approx. Age
2	CI	Heidi Ellen Clifford							

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NUM.	REGISTRATION NO.	STATE	VIN / SERIAL NO.	COLOR	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL
1	SNYDES	AK	4TAWM72N6XZ439521	BLK	1999	Toyota	

BODY STYLE / TYPE	ADFG NUMBER	NAME OF WATERCRAFT	Length
PK			

**SYNOPSIS / DETAILS:**  
On 2-7-03 Anchorage Police Department reported that they had an active missing person case involving Kristen Snyder, and that there was information that she might be in Seward. Snyder was reported to be suicidal. Snyder's vehicle was located by AST on Lowell Point near the Millers Landing at 2120 hours on 2-7-03. There was a note inside the vehicle indicating that Snyder was planning to commit suicide, ending with "no need to search for my body". Due to information that Snyder had previously been kayaking out of Seward, a search of the immediate area and shoreline was begun that night. A full scale search began to be organized for the following morning. On the morning of 2-8-03 the Millers of Millers Landing resort discovered a storage shed containing kayaks and gear had been broken into and an old kayak was missing. The storage shed was close to where Snyder's vehicle was located.

On 2-8 and 2-9 a large search effort was conducted in and around Resurrection Bay. The search consisted of Alaska State Troopers, Seward area fire/EMS volunteers, the U.S. Coast Guard, Forest Service law enforcement, the Seward Police Department, the Civil Air Patrol, and friends of Snyder's, many of whom were part of an organized search and rescue team as part of the Nordic Ski club. After two full days of active searching no sign of Kristen Snyder was located. The organized search effort was curtailed after that with only a planned C.A.P. flight of the outer bay beaches when the weather improved. The C.A.P. flight was accomplished on 2-14-03 with negative results. Snyder is listed as a missing person with the Anchorage Police Department (APD case 03-6966) and with the State Missing Persons Clearinghouse.



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**Jeff Evanoff**

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Investigating Agency  
**Alaska State Troopers**

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1st No. / Role(s) <b>3 / 1</b>	Name <b>Sherrie L. Miller</b>	Sex	Race	Ht.	Weight	Hair	Eyes	D.O.B. / Approx. Age
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Place of Employment	Work Phone	Occupation						
PSIN ID No.	Social Security No.	ATN / NCIC / Other ID No.			Charged With		Susp. Act. No.	Juv. Dispo.
2nd No. / Role(s) <b>4 / 1</b>	Name <b>Michael "Mike" A. Miller</b>	Sex	Race	Ht.	Weight	Hair	Eyes	D.O.B. / Approx. Age
Residence Address	Residence / Cell Phone	Driver's License No.			State			
Place of Employment	Work Phone	Occupation						
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3rd No. / Role(s) <b>5 / 1</b>	Name <b>Nina M. Cowell, Jr.</b>	Sex	Race	Ht.	Weight	Hair	Eyes	D.O.B. / Approx. Age
Residence Address	Residence / Cell Phone	Driver's License No.			State			
Place of Employment	Work Phone	Occupation						
PSIN ID No.	Social Security No.	ATN / NCIC / Other ID No.			Charged With		Susp. Act. No.	Juv. Dispo.
4th No. / Role(s)	Name	Sex	Race	Ht.	Weight	Hair	Eyes	D.O.B. / Approx. Age
Residence Address	Residence / Cell Phone	Driver's License No.			State			
Place of Employment	Work Phone	Occupation						
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5th No. / Role(s)	Name	Sex	Race	Ht.	Weight	Hair	Eyes	D.O.B. / Approx. Age
Residence Address	Residence / Cell Phone	Driver's License No.			State			
Place of Employment	Work Phone	Occupation						
PSIN ID No.	Social Security No.	ATN / NCIC / Other ID No.			Charged With		Susp. Act. No.	Juv. Dispo.
6th No. / Role(s)	Name	Sex	Race	Ht.	Weight	Hair	Eyes	D.O.B. / Approx. Age
Residence Address	Residence / Cell Phone	Driver's License No.			State			
Place of Employment	Work Phone	Occupation						
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7th No. / Role(s)	Name	Sex	Race	Ht.	Weight	Hair	Eyes	D.O.B. / Approx. Age
Residence Address	Residence / Cell Phone	Driver's License No.			State			
Place of Employment	Work Phone	Occupation						
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8th No. / Role(s)	Name	Sex	Race	Ht.	Weight	Hair	Eyes	D.O.B. / Approx. Age
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**STATE OF ALASKA  
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Reporting Officer Paul C. Randall	Permit PCRO	Investigating Agency AST	Case No. 03-9305
			Date Investigated 2/8/2003
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			Unit C00E

**INITIAL INFORMATION/MISSING PERSON ALERT:**

On 2/7/03 at approximately 1900 hrs. I was departing Seward for Cooper Landing when Seward dispatch told me of a missing person from Anchorage. The black Toyota pickup with Alaska plates SNYDER was suspected of being bound from Anchorage to Seward containing Kristin Snyder, who was listed as a missing person by the Anchorage Police and possibly suicidal. I did not see the vehicle on the Seward or Sterling highways while driving to Cooper Landing.

On 2/8/03 I was called at home and asked start my shift early to participate in a Search and Rescue operation ongoing in Seward. Snyder's truck had been located overnight at Lowell Point. I arrived in Seward at 1209 hrs.

**PARTICIPATION IN SEARCH PLANNING ON 2/8/03:**

I found a fully staffed search command post and ground and aerial search efforts in progress. I attended an in-progress briefing on the search and learned that Snyder had been missing from her home since the evening of 2/6/03. She had been depressed and suicidal and had kayaking experience in Resurrection Bay. Her truck had been found by AST the previous evening parked at the Miller's Landing kayak rental shed, where she had rented kayaks in the past. The shed had been found to be broken into, and a white homemade kayak missing.

The US Coast Guard Cutter Mustang was already searching the east shore of Resurrection Bay. Ground searchers had searched cabins on Lowell Point and the trail from Lowell Point to the Tonsina Creek recreation area. Ground search teams with search dogs were still searching Tonsina Creek and Caines Head.

Snyder had been a member of the Anchorage Nordic Ski Patrol, of which several members were present, and several of Snyder's friends were also present.

At 1239 hrs. I contacted the USAF RCC to request use of the Seward CAP hangar and trailer at the airport. I arranged for their use and conducted initial coordination with the local CAP representatives.

At 1259 hrs. I called the USCGC Mustang and learned that they were searching cabins in Thumb Cove and searching the shoreline. I also learned that the USCG RCC had dispatched a helicopter to assist in the search.

**AERIAL SEARCH EFFORTS:**

I met with AST Helo 1 at the Seward airport and from 1330 to 1630 hrs. we conducted an aerial search of the western shoreline of Resurrection Bay including Tonsina Point, Caines Head, Calisto Head, the Bear Glacier beach and Bulldog Cove. We also did an aerial search of the Fox Island shoreline and landed and checked the cabins at the Fox Island Resort. We picked up two dog handlers and their dogs at the summit of Caines Head and returned to the Seward airport. We did not find any sign of Snyder. The dog handlers said that the only clue they had found was a set of recent footprints near the Calisto Cabin at Derby Cove.

**PLANNING FOR 2/9/03 SEARCH:**

I attended a briefing at 1600 hrs. to recap the day's search.

At 1709 hrs. I called the USCG RCC to request the cutter and helicopter for the next day. RCC faxed the results of their open-ocean search and reported that the Mustang had searched cabins and shoreline in Thumb Cove and Humpy Cove.

At 1750 hrs. I spoke by phone with Kenny Powers of the Anchorage Nordic Ski Patrol, who advised that I coordinate with Marilyn Scarborough, who was among the volunteers present in Seward.



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ASTPLANNING FOR 2/9/03 SEARCH, CONTINUED:

Scarborough had many years experience kayaking in Resurrection Bay, and provided key information on search areas for the next day.

CONCEPT OF 2/9/03 SEARCH EFFORTS:

I was Incident Commander for the search efforts on 2/9/03. The intent of the day's search was to continue air and surface search by the Coast Guard and Civil Air Patrol, and also to insert ground search teams using Helo 1 to more thoroughly search likely landing spots and cabins. A volunteer landing craft would also insert search teams to check remote landing sites.

The plan was Helo 1 to use volunteers from the Anchorage Nordic Ski Patrol and insert them onto beaches in Thumb Cove, south beach of Caines Head and the beach at Bear Glacier. Those teams would do a ground search for clues. Helo 1 would conduct a shoreline search to and from those locations. The private vessel would transport ground teams to Porcupine Cove and Bulldog Cove and conduct a ground search in those locations. The cutter Mustang was to search Kayaker's Cove, the eastern shoreline of Resurrection Bay to Cape Resurrection, and Ragged and Fox Islands. The USCG helicopter was to search the western shore of Resurrection Bay to the tip of Cape Aialik, around the cape and into Aialik Bay. The Civil Air Patrol was to conduct a shoreline search around the tip of Cape Resurrection and into Day Harbor. Ground searchers were to again hike the trail from Lowell Point to Tonsina Point.

CHRONOLOGICAL SEARCH EFFORTS ON 2/9/03:

0915 hrs. USCGC Mustang departs moorings en route to Kayaker Cove and Eldorado Narrows.

0930 Helo 1 arrives at Seward Airport.

1000 morning search briefing at Seward council chambers.

1012 landing craft with 6 searchers departs for Porcupine Cove and Bulldog Cove.

1045 USCG helicopter lands at Seward Airport with maintenance problems.

1102 first two man team departs for aerial insertion at South Beach.

1131 Mustang reports searching cabin at Sunny Cove on Fox Island.

1201 Helo 1 departs for Thumb Cove with two searcher for aerial insertion.

1235 CAP departs Seward Airport on mission.

1250 CAP reports unable to fly due to ceilings south of Fox Island, to grid search the bay.

1300 Helo 1 departs for Bear Glacier beach with two searchers.

1322 the landing craft reports clearing Porcupine Cove, en route to Bulldog Cove.

1512 Helo 1 recovering ground teams to return to Seward.



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**CHRONOLOGICAL SEARCH EFFORTS ON 2/9/03. CONTINUED:**

1515 landing craft reports returning to Seward via Thumb Cove.

1541 Mustang reports returning to port

1645 all searchers accounted for.

**2/9/03 SEARCH RESULTS:****VOLUNTEER LANDING CRAFT AND GROUND SEARCHERS.**

The landing craft went to Agnes Bay, conducted a shoreline search from there north to Porcupine Cove, and put searchers on shore there. After that area was searched, the craft conducted a shoreline search north to Bulldog Cove, and put searchers ashore there. That area was searched on foot, and then the craft went to Thumb Cove for a second look at private cabins. No sign of Snyder was found at any location. Experienced kayakers on this search effort expressed the opinion that based on the sea conditions near the tip of Aialik Cape, that it was unlikely that a kayak could have rounded either Aialik or Resurrection Capes during the past few days.

**AERIAL INSERTION TEAMS**

One team went to Thumb Cove and searched the shoreline, woods and private cabins with no results. A second team went to the south beach of Caines Head and searched with no results. A third team went to the beach at the outlet of Bear Glacier and searched with negative results. Review of the search efforts showed that the Caines Head team had not checked the southern end of the trail to the fort site and the camping spot and the south beach. Helo 1 did not detect anything during its flights.

**CIVIL AIR PATROL**

The CAP flew a grid search at 500 to 700 feet over Resurrection Bay from Fox Island north, with leg spacing of .5 miles. They reported very good visibility on the surface and no clues found.

**US COAST GUARD**

The Mustang started its search at Kayaker Cove, and searched private cabins there. It went on with the cutter and small boat to search the sandspit on Fox Island, the east side of Resurrection Bay to Cape Resurrection and Barwell Island, around Ragged Island to Fox Island and a search of the cabin in Sunny Cove. It then conducted a grid search of the surface of the bay from Fox Island back to Seward. It found no clues. The helicopter remained at the Seward airport due to mechanical problems. At dusk, a replacement helicopter flew a shoreline search of Cape Aialik with negative results.

**GROUND SEARCHERS**

A team of ground searchers walked from Lowell Point to Tonsina Point, and searched extensively there, with negative results.

**VOLUNTEER HOURS SEARCHED ON 2/9/03:**

Including CAP personnel, volunteers expended approximately 116 man-hours and 7 vessel hours.

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**SEARCH EFFORTS PLANNED FOR 2/10/03:**

The US Coast Guard withdrew its assets for further search. The only ground search area identified as not covered was on the south side of Caines Head. The CAP maintained its mission open for a shoreline search of Day Harbor and Aialik Bay when weather permitted.

**CONDUCT OF SEARCH ON 2/10/03**

At 0845 hrs I contacted Brian Mullaly at the Alaska Sealife Center and requested support with a boat to transport searchers to Caines Head. I arranged for members of the Anchorage Nordic Ski Patrol to coordinate directly with Mullaly for the search.

At 1530 hrs I met with the searchers on their return to the Seward boat harbor. Five ground searchers and one vessel operator spent 3.5 hours searching Caines Head to south beach and the cabins in Derby Cove with negative results. 21 volunteer hours and 3.5 volunteer vessel hours were expended.

**CONCLUSION:**

As of the end of 2/10/03, no sign of Snyder had been found in Resurrection Bay or the Seward area. Search efforts remaining were a mission for the CAP to fly the coastline of Day Harbor and Aialik Bay.



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Jeff Evanoff	JME2	Alaska State Troopers

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**INFORMATION:**

On 02/07/03 at approximately 1900 hours Seward Dispatch advised me of a locate from the Anchorage Police Department (APD) for a missing person and vehicle out of Anchorage. APD reported that Kristin Snyder and her black 1999 Toyota pickup, bearing Alaska license SNYDES, were last seen in Anchorage on 02/06/03. APD reported that Snyder was suicidal and possibly headed toward Seward.

On 02/07/03 at about 2100 hours Seward Dispatch advised me of a report of an abandoned vehicle, described as a black Ford pickup, in the Lowell Point area.

**OBSERVATIONS:**

On 02/07/03 at 2120 hours I observed a black Toyota pickup, bearing Alaska license SNYDES, parked at the end of Lowell Point Road in front of Miller's Landing. An APSIN/NCIC inquiry revealed SNYDES was registered to Kristin Snyder out of Anchorage. No person(s) were present inside the vehicle. The passenger side door was locked. The driver's side door was open with a key still placed in the door lock. Two hand written notes on two separate note pads were observed resting on the passenger seat. A sheet of paper describing an "Executive Success Programs" was also on the seat along with a fuel receipt from Williams Express on Huffman Road in Anchorage dated 02/06/03 at 6:47 p.m.

**INVESTIGATION:**

Trooper Zabala was contacted and responded to the scene to assist with the investigation. 35 mm color photographs were taken on the vehicle. The notes and papers were taken as evidence. I contacted Sherry Miller inside of Millers Landing and questioned her about Snyder's vehicle.

**INTERVIEW #3 PG#1 J. J. SHERRY MILLER:**

Interviewed by Trooper Evanoff on 02/07/02 at about 2130 hours, not taped.

S. Miller stated she had not been out of the house or business much in the past two days and had not observed Snyder's vehicle parked on the road. S. Miller said she walked along the beach from her house to the business and had not been out on the road. S. Miller did not observe anyone or anything out of the ordinary in the past few days.

**INVESTIGATION:**

S. Miller contacted her husband, Mike Miller, by telephone working in a nearby garage. I spoke with M. Miller telephonically about Snyder's vehicle.

**INTERVIEW #4 PG#1 J. J. MIKE MILLER:**

Interviewed telephonically by Trooper Evanoff on 02/07/03 at about 2145 hours, not taped.

M. Miller stated he believed he observed the black truck parked in front of their residence on Thursday morning, 02/06/03. M. Miller thought he observed the truck to have moved once during the day. M. Miller did not observed anyone around the vehicle.



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**INVESTIGATION:**

Several other employees and persons arrived at Miller's Landing and searched the area surrounding the business. Trooper Zabala and I conducted a ground search of the immediate area which included the wooded areas, cabins, and the shoreline West of Martin's Road. Search efforts met with negative results.

The Miller's provided the name of a cabin owner, Nina Cowell, who owns a cabin North of Miller's Landing. On 02/07/03 at 2331 hours I spoke with N. Cowell telephonically.

**INTERVIEW #5 PG# 1, I. NINA COWELL:**

Interviewed telephonically by Trooper Evanoff on 02/07/03 at 2331 hours from Seward AST, not taped.

Cowell stated she knew Snyder and they have been friends since June, 2002. Cowell saw K. Snyder last night, 02/06/03, at about 1600 hours at the Westmark Hotel in Anchorage. Cowell said a bunch of them were there in a group and she believed Snyder left to attend a performance at the Performing Arts Center (PAC). Cowell said that Snyder did not seem quite right during the past few days. Cowell stated she needed to excuse herself and make some telephone calls to some friends and asked if she could call the Troopers back.

**INVESTIGATION:**

I telephoned APD and provided them with the information about Snyder and Cowell. APD Lt. Honeman called the Seward AST office and I spoke with him regarding Cowell and her reluctance to speak with AST about Snyder. Lt. Honeman stated he would have an officer contact Cowell.

Myself and Trooper Zabala returned to the Lowell Point area and continued a ground search of the area. Cowell's cabin was checked again as well as the surrounding wooded areas and shorelines. Efforts again met with negative results. I contacted Sgt. Anderson and advised him of the details of the case. The United States Coast Guard was contacted and informed of the case. A Search and Rescue was planned to begin the following morning, 02/08/03.

On 02/08/03 I assisted with transporting searches to and from their designated search areas.

On 02/09/03 I flew as a spotter in AST Helo 1.